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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request -  
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CHAPTER 82

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services - Use of Lie Detector**  
3 **or Similar Test for Employment Purposes**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the application of certain provisions of law relating to lie  
5 detector or similar test for individuals who are employees of or applicants for  
6 assignment to the Internal Investigative Unit of the Department of Public  
7 Safety and Correctional Services; and generally relating to the use of lie detector  
8 or similar test for employment purposes.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Labor and Employment  
11 Section 3-702  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Labor and Employment**

17 3-702.

18 (a) In this section, "employer" means:

19 (1) a person engaged in a business, industry, profession, trade, or other  
20 enterprise in the State;

- 1 (2) the State;
- 2 (3) a county; and
- 3 (4) a municipal corporation in the State.

4 (b) (1) This section does not apply to the federal government or any of its  
5 units.

6 (2) [This section does not apply to an individual who is an employee of  
7 the Division of Correction and applies for assignment or is assigned to the special  
8 internal investigative unit that the Commissioner of Correction expressly  
9 authorizes.] THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN  
10 EMPLOYEE OF OR APPLIES FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THE INTERNAL INVESTIGATIVE  
11 UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

12 (3) This section does not apply to an individual who applies for  
13 employment or is employed:

14 (i) as a law enforcement officer, as defined in § 3-101 of the Public  
15 Safety Article;

16 (ii) as an employee of a law enforcement agency of the State, a  
17 county, or a municipal corporation;

18 (iii) as a communications officer of the Calvert County Control  
19 Center;

20 (iv) as a correctional officer of the Calvert County Detention Center  
21 or in any other capacity that involves direct personal contact with an inmate in the  
22 Detention Center;

23 (v) as a correctional officer of the Washington County Detention  
24 Center or in any other capacity that involves direct personal contact with an inmate  
25 in the Center; or

26 (vi) as a correctional officer of:

- 27 1. the Baltimore City Jail;
- 28 2. the Baltimore County Detention Center;
- 29 3. the Cecil County Detention Center;
- 30 4. the Charles County Detention Center;
- 31 5. the Frederick County Adult Detention Center;
- 32 6. the Harford County Detention Center; or
- 33 7. the St. Mary's County Detention Center.

1 (4) This section does not apply to an applicant for employment as a  
2 correctional officer with the Department of Corrections for Prince George's County.

3 (c) An employer may not require or demand, as a condition of employment,  
4 prospective employment, or continued employment, that an individual submit to or  
5 take a lie detector or similar test.

6 (d) (1) Each application for employment shall set out, in bold-faced upper  
7 case type, the following notice:

8 "Under Maryland law, an employer may not require or demand, as a condition of  
9 employment, prospective employment, or continued employment, that an individual  
10 submit to or take a lie detector or similar test. An employer who violates this law is  
11 guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not exceeding \$100."

12 (2) Each application shall provide a space for an applicant to sign an  
13 acknowledgment of the notice required under this subsection.

14 (e) An applicant shall sign the acknowledgment of the notice required under  
15 subsection (d) of this section.

16 (f) If an employer violates subsection (c) or (d) of this section, an applicant for  
17 employment or prospective employment or an employee may submit to the  
18 Commissioner a written complaint.

19 (g) (1) Whenever the Commissioner determines that this section has been  
20 violated, the Commissioner may:

21 (i) try to resolve any issue involved in the violation informally by  
22 mediation; or

23 (ii) ask the Attorney General to bring an action on behalf of the  
24 applicant or employee.

25 (2) The Attorney General may bring an action under this section in the  
26 county where the violation allegedly occurred, for injunctive relief, damages, or other  
27 relief.

28 (h) An employer who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a  
29 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 2004.

